

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 29 June 2004. Responsive to the Office Action, Claims 2 and 10 are now cancelled from this case, and Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 9, 11, and 15 are amended for further prosecution with the other pending Claims. Such cancellation and amendment of Claims are made in the interests of expediting prosecution in this case, and without addressing the merits of the substantive rejections set forth in the Office Action.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 15 has now been amended to remove the informality specifically noted by the Examiner therein, obviating the Examiner's formal concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 8-9, and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art. The Examiner additionally rejected Claims 7 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of the EHCI Specification (Rev. 0.96).

As for Claims 2-6 and 10-12, the Examiner merely objected to them for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that such

claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

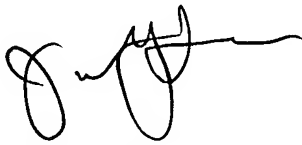
Accordingly, Claim 1 is now amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2, with Claim 2 itself being cancelled. Claims 3-4 have been amended appropriately to each depend from Claim 1, rather than from cancelled Claim 2. In addition, Claim 6 has now been amended to independent form, incorporating therein the original subject matter of Claim 1, from which the Claim had depended. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of Claim 10, with Claim 10 itself being cancelled, and Claim 11 being amended to depend from Claim 9, rather than from cancelled Claim 10. Furthermore, Claim 15 has been amended to also incorporate the subject matter originally recited in Claim 2.

Again, these Claims amendments are being incorporated in light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, without addressing the merits of the substantive rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103, so that prosecution of this case may be expedited as much as possible.

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It is believed that pending Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-15 are now in allowable form. It is respectfully submitted that the subject Patent Application has been placed fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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